The trade figures between India and Pakistan during 1998-99 and the preceding three years are given below :

(Value in Rs. crores)

Year	India' s Exports to Pakistan	India'; imports from Pakistan
1998-99	466.00	891.85
1997-98	532.02	165.19
1996-97	558.12	128.36
1995-96	256.97	150.92

Source : DGCI&S

MMTC's Hedge in Gold and Silver

3096. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the MMTC has been allowed to hedge in Gold and Silver in London Metal Exchange;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) whether the RBI has given the green signal for the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (c) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Modified Export-Import Policy

† 3097. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether with the introduction of the Modified Export-Import Policy the spoiled goods of developed countries will be consumed in India and will harm the local small industries;

(b) whether it is not yielding to World Trade Organisation; and

(c) if not, what steps Government would take to save the country from economic loss due to exemption in export of obsolete capital goods and consumer items?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.